

Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission
Full Commission Meeting
Adopted Minutes 11/21/07

Commissioners Present: Adela Allen, Cathleen Becskehazy, Wendy Cevallos, Barbara Clarihew, Barbara Epperson, Gypsy Lyle, Michael Mandel, Dinah McGlory, Samantha Paz, Isabella Soto

Commissioners Absent: Linda Azuelo, Renee Palting

Staff Present: Monica Mueller

Public Present: Lucinda Hughes-Juan and daughter Emma

Meeting called to order 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Review: No changes were made to the agenda.

Call to Public

No items introduced.

Approval/Amendment of Last Minutes (10/17/07):

Motion by Cathleen to approve the 10/17/07 Full Commission Minutes as written; Adela seconded. Passed 10 to 0.

Announcements

- Wendy and Adela celebrate their annual anniversaries as Commissioners!
- Barbara E. reported on the presentation to the Green Valley Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) this week, made by Monica and Barbara E.
- Barbara E. announced that the Vagina Monologues will play in Green Valley on February 8, 2008. Event proceeds will benefit the Brewster Center.
- Renee, via email, requested that Commissioners submit their favorite websites to her with an explanation of what they like about them, to aid Renee in the Commission's website redesign.
- Monica requests one Commissioner attend the Dec 3rd Domestic Violence Task Force Judicial Committee meeting at the Main Library, 2-4pm. Cathleen agreed to attend.

Treasurer Report

Report received. Michael moved to accept the report as presented; Barbara C. seconded. Passed 10 to 0.

Executive Director Report

Report received. Responding to a report item about a grant proposal in development concerning smart borrowing, Gypsy suggested that the Mortgage Brokers Association could be a valuable contact. Responding to a report item about a promotional video for the Commission, Michael asked to be included given his role as Development Committee chair. Adela moved to accept the report as presented; Gypsy seconded. Passed 10 to 0.

Committee Reports

Youth Issues Committee

In addition to Commissioner members, Mary Lee Wright (interested in becoming involved with the Commission in some way) and Angel Viano (current volunteer; has been working on organizing Speak Out! archive materials) attended the last committee meeting. At this meeting it was decided to support the *Adelante Nuestro Futuro* event with an information table; Monica and Wendy will attend the next *Adelante* planning meeting. It was also decided to hold the Speak Out! conference in April 2008, date TBD. At the full commission mtg, Gypsy suggested Teresa Kellerman as a possible workshop presenter.

Women's Issues Committee

- The committee has invited Mark Homan, an instructor in social services at Pima Community College, to speak at the next committee meeting regarding how to assess the needs of women in the community, covering topics such as techniques and processes, gender-differentiated impact of different social problems, and resources needed for an assessment.
- Also at the next meeting: Michele Maliniak will present her experiences at the Tucson Fire Department concerning women and minorities. Also invited to speak or attend are the Fire Service Support Network, the Fire Chief or his designee from the Fire Department, and the GLBT Chamber of Commerce.
- The committee wishes to plan and coordinate events with other community organizations interested to organize something with an art theme for Women's History Month. Cathleen will chair the planning committee and will convene a first meeting in early December.
- The Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Conference was a success, with very positive participant evaluations. The conference income was \$5,605.00; expenditures \$1,036.24.
- In March 2008 the Southern Arizona Women's Foundation, working with SIROW, will issue a report on the Status of Women in Tucson and Southern Arizona.
- Next Women's Issues mtg Dec 12, 5pm (note this is one ½ hour earlier than the regular time).

Development

- Save the date: January 10, 5:30 – 7:30 at Adela's home, an event to introduce the new ED and cultivate current and potential donors. Full commission discussion focused on the catering budget and developing an invitation list.
- Plans to mail the newsletter in early to mid December are under way.
- Postcard introducing Monica as the new ED is in process.

Committee reports received. No action taken.

Update on Recruitment of New Commissioners

Lucinda Hughes-Juan and her daughter Emma attended the meeting to express interest in serving the Commission in some capacity. Lucinda is a member of the Tohono O'odham Nation. She is on the faculty of Tohono O'odham Community College and Board Chair of the AZ State Commission of Indian Affairs. She introduced herself and noted her interest to carry on the legacy of her aunt, Mrs. Ella Rumley, a founding Commission member.

Bylaws Task Force

Discussion tabled to next meeting.

Adjournment: Gypsy motioned and Michael seconded. Passed 8 to 0. Meeting adjourned 7:05pm.

Submitted by Monica Mueller